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R.H. Hall and T.W. Selby
U.S. Pat. Appl. No. 09/172,577
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Name INERT GAS BLANKET FOR PROTECTION FROM OXIDATION

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Sir:

In connection with the 06/01/00 Office action (Paper No. 8):

Please properly cite "Elizabeth, U.S. Patent 3,617,580," on a form PTO-892. The reference has not been so cited of record.

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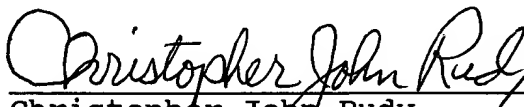
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Prompt and favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully,

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